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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: CASC, TZ
SUBJECT: TANGOV DETENTION OF AMERICANS
REF: A. DAR ES SALAAM 2634; B. STATE 167081

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS GIVEN TSS REPORTEDLY TO END OF WEEK EITHER TO CHARGE OR RELEASE DETAINED AMERICANS. BELIEVE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO MALECELA OR PM WILL NOT ALTER THIS SCHEDULE. IF NO ACTION BY TANGOV THIS WEEK, PROPOSE SEEK APPOINTMENTS FOR FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS THIS MATTER WITH FONMIN AND PM AUGUST 10. END SUMMARY.

2. TELEPHONED AUGUST 6 BERNARD MUGANDA, ACTING DIRECTOR EUROPE-AMERICAS DIVISION, FONMIN TO REQUEST HIS ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENT FOR ME WITH FONMIN MALECELA. MUGANDA ASKED IF I COULD COME TO FONMIN FOR TALK. REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY.

3. ON ARRIVAL FONMIN, MUGANDA SAID HE WANTED TO GIVE ME BRIEFING WHERE SITUATION STOOD CONCERNING MY REQUEST
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REQUEST FOR CONSULAR ACCESS. AFTER MY TALK WITH MALECELA,
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 2, MALECELA SAW PRESIDENT
NYERERE THAT EVENING. MWALIMU REPORTEDLY IRRITATED
TANZANIAN SECURITY SERVICES (TSS) TAKING SO LONG
INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER. HE NOW WONDERS IF TSS HAS
ANY FIRM INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THEIR FEARS AT ALL.
NYERERE TOLD MALECELA HE WILL GIVE TSS UNTIL END THIS
WEEK (AUGUST 10) TO EITHER CHARGE IN COURT THOSE DETAINED
OR RELEASE THEM. AMONG THOSE RELEASED, IF INVESTIGATION
NEGATIVE THEY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THEIR
ACTIVITIES (E.G. CHICKEN FARM) WITHOUT PREJUDICE.
IF THERE SOME SUSPICIOUS INFORMATION UNCOVERED
IN INVESTIGATION BUT NOT RPT NOT ENOUGH TO CONVICT IN
COURT, SUCH DETAINEES WOULD BE DECLARED "PROHIBITED
IMMIGRANTS" AND REQUIRED LEAVE TANZANIA. IN ANY EVENT
THIS WHOLE MATTER WOULD BE ENDED, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,
BY END OF WEEK AND, MUGANDA SPECULATED, PERHAPS BY
TOMORROW OR THURSDAY.

4. MUGANDA RECOMMENDED, THEREFORE, THAT I BE PATIENT
FOR COUPLE MORE DAYS. HE SAID IF NO ANSWER BY FRIDAY,
HE WOULD MAKE APPOINTMENT AUGUST 10 WITH MALECELA WHO, IN TURN,
WOULD BE WILLING, MUGANDA BELIEVED, TO MAKE APPOINTMENT
FOR ME WITH PM OR PRESIDENT.

5. MUGANDA SAID MALECELA DID NOT WISH TO MEET ME AGAIN
BEFORE FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 BECAUSE PRESIDENT NYERERE HAD
MADE DECISION TO BRING TO END TSS INVESTIGATION THIS
MATTER. MALECELA DID NOT RPT NOT WISH IT TO APPEAR
THAT NYERERE'S DECISION INFLUENCED OR RESULT OF PRESSURE
FROM FOREIGN ENVOY. MALECELA HOPED I WOULD UNDERSTAND
HIS SENSITIVITIES IN THIS REGARD.

6. ASKED MUGANDA ABOUT ARREST PRINCE HENRY EVANS JULY
29 (DAR 2633). MUGANDA SAID EVANS EXPECTED TO BE
DETAINED ON ARRIVAL TANZANIA. EVANS HAD WRITTEN TSS,
PRESIDENT'S OSEIMPXNPYMI3$?,* HOME AFFAIRS, ETC. THAT
HE COMING AND COULD EXPLAIN HOW SEVERAL MEMBERS BLACK
AMERICAN COMMUNITY CAME TO HAVE GUNS.
MUGANDA SAID HE ADMIRED EVANS GUTS AND FELT HE WOULD
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BE RELEASED WITH OTHERS AT END OF WEEK.

7. MUGANDA ASKED THAT ABOVE ACCOUNT BE ATTRIBUTED ONLY
TO RELIABLE SOURCE IN FONMIN. REQUEST, THEREFORE,
MUGANDA BE PROTECTED.

8. COMMENT: WHILE THIS MAY BE JUST ANOTHER STALL,
I DO NOT RPT NOT THINK SO. SIMILARLY MALECELA'S

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REASON FOR NOT RECEIVING ME MAY BE A BIT THIN, BUT,
FRANKLY, I TEND TO BELIEVE THAT MUGANDA IS REPORTING MALECELA'S
THOUGHTS ON SITUATION ACCURATELY. IN ANY EVENT,
BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH IN ABOVE REPORT TO RESPOND
POSITIVELY TO ANY CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY WITHOUT
JEOPARDIZING WHAT IS INDEED FAIRLY DELICATE SITUATION
AT MOMENT OR REVEALING OUR SOURCES. I DO NOT SEE ANY
OTHER SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO WAITING THREE MORE DAYS.
IF PRESIDENT HAS INDEED GIVEN TSS UNTIL END OF WEEK
TO FISH OR CUT BAIT, REPRESENTATIONS TO PM OR MALECELA
WILL NOT CHANGE THAT TIME TABLE. MUGANDA AND/OR MALECELA
COULD SIMPLY HAVE MADE UP WHOLE STORY, BUT DOUBT IT,
AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROVE IN ANY CASE. UNLESS
ADVISED TO CONTRARY, THEREFORE, WILL AWAIT TANGOV
ACTION THIS MATTER UNTIL AUGUST 10. IF NO ACTION BY
THAT DATE WILL AGAIN SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH FONMIN AND PM.
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